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to the same conditions which now apply to the support of tuberculosis patients in a city or town tuberculosis hospital.

SEC. 13. The situation, plans for construction and actual construction of any new hospitals or additions to any existing hospitals, provided for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, shall be subject to the approval of the State department of health. The State department of health, for each hospital maintained by counties under the provisions of this act, and for each hospital caring under contract with county commissioners for tuberculosis patients, shall annually in January appoint from the inhabitants of the cities or towns served by the aforesaid hospitals an unpaid board of five official visitors, of whom two shall be women, whose duty it shall be to visit the said hospitals from time to time and to make such suggestions and recommendations relative to the improvement of their management, and to the efficient and humane care of patients, as they may deem proper, jointly to the county commissioners and the State district health officer within whose jurisdiction the institution is situated.

SEC. 14. The mayors of the cities of Chelsea and Revere and the chairman of the board of selectmen of the town of Winthrop shall have and exercise, for the purposes of this act, the powers given to county commissioners, and they are hereby designated as a board of trustees for the tuberculosis hospital district comprising the cities of Chelsea and Revere and the town of Winthrop, and they are hereby authorized and directed to provide adequate hospital care for persons residing in the cities of Chelsea and Revere and the town of Winthrop suffering from consumption who are in need of such hospital care in the same manner as county commissioners are directed in section 1.

SEC. 15. Nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal chapter 527 of the acts of the year 1913, or chapter 153 of the General Acts of the year 1915, or section 35 of chapter 75 of the Revised Laws and the amendments thereof, in so far as the said acts pertain to cities having a population of 50,000 or more inhabitants within the meaning of this act, or in so far as such acts pertain to the care of diseases other than consumption or to the inspection of institutions by the State district health officers; but so much of the said acts as requires cities and towns having less than 50,000 population to make hospital provisions for tuberculosis patients is hereby repealed.

Commission on Social Insurance—Required to Study Effects of Sickness, Unemployment, and Old Age—State Department of Health to Cooperate. (Ch. 157, Resolve June 1, 1916.)

Resolved, That a special commission, to be composed of two members of the senate to be appointed by the president, four members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker, and three other persons to be appointed by the governor, shall sit during the recess of the general court, and shall be known as the commission on social insurance. It shall be the duty of the said commission to study the effects of sickness, unemployment, and old age in Massachusetts, to collect facts as to actual experience with the several forms of insurance therefor, and to recommend to the general court such legislation as it may deem practical and expedient to protect the wage earners of the Commonwealth from the burdens of sickness, unemployment, and old age, or any one or more of these. The State department of health and the bureau of statistics are authorized and directed to cooperate with the commission in every way feasible in carrying out the purpose of this resolve, and in case either or both of said departments shall undertake investigations deemed necessary by the commission, they shall be allowed for their necessary expenses, outside their regular appropriations, such sums as shall be approved by the governor and council.

The commission shall report to the next general court with drafts of such laws as it may recommend, and it shall file its report with the clerk of the senate or with the clerk of the house not later than the first Wednesday in January.

The commission shall have a room in the State house assigned for its use, shall give such public hearings as it may deem necessary, may employ such assistance, clerical or otherwise, as it may require, and shall receive such sums for clerical assistance, travel, and other expenses, and for the compensation of its members, as shall be allowed by the governor and council.

Commission on Social Insurance—Study of Reasonable Restrictions in Hours of Labor in Certain Industries. (Ch. 164, Resolve June 2, 1916.)

Resolved, That the special recess commission on social insurance established by chapter 157 of the resolves of the year 1916, in addition to the matters already referred to said commission, shall study and investigate the subject of reasonable restrictions in the hours of labor in industries operated continuously for 24 hours, and shall include in its report to the next general court such recommendations, with drafts of proposed legislation, as it may deem practical and expedient. All the provisions of said chapter shall, so far as pertinent, apply to the investigation herein authorized.

NEW JERSEY.

Tuberculosis—Employment of Nurses by Counties. (Ch. 32, Act Mar. 8, 1916.)

1. The board of chosen freeholders of any county shall have power from time to time to employ a registered nurse or nurses whose duties under rules and regulations from time to time to be prescribed by such board of chosen freeholders shall be as follows: To discover and investigate any tuberculosis cases existing in such county; to give instructions to tuberculosis patients and others in such county relative to hygienic or sanitary measures to be observed in preventing the spread of such disease; to act as visiting nurse to any tuberculosis patients in such county; to aid in making a report of existing or suspected cases of tuberculosis in such county to the State board of health, to the board of managers of any hospital established in or for such county for the care and treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis, and to the board of health of any municipality in such county, and to perform such other duties as nurse or hygienic expert as may be designated by such county board of freeholders to prevent the spread of such disease.

2. Every nurse so employed shall at the end of each month, and at such other times as the board of chosen freeholders of any such county may require, make a report in writing to such board, which report shall show in detail the visits made during such month, the services performed, and such other information as the board of chosen freeholders may from time to time require.

3. Any nurse or nurses so employed by any such board of chosen freeholders shall receive for his or her services such compensation as may be provided by said board and shall be subject to the jurisdiction and direction of such board.

4. Nothing in this act shall repeal or in anywise affect an act¹ entitled "An act concerning tuberculosis," approved March 28, 1912; and this act shall not apply to any county of the first class where nurses have been, or may be, appointed to perform the duties mentioned in paragraph 1 by the board of managers serving under the provisions of an act entitled "An act concerning tuberculosis," approved March 28, 1912.

Tuberculosis—Maintenance of Indigent Patients. (Ch. 214, Act Mar. 18, 1916.)

1. Paragraph 13 of an act¹ entitled "An act concerning tuberculosis," approved March 28, 1912, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"13. There shall be paid by the State treasurer each year to each county which maintains tubercular patients, either in the county hospital or in a hospital of a municipality or an incorporated society under contract between such county and such municipality

¹ Reprint No. 200 from the Public Health Reports, p. 136.